

## DECLARATION and POWER OF ATTORNEY for PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS EXTRUSION OF FILTER ELEMENTS**; the specification of which:

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or

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification including the claims.

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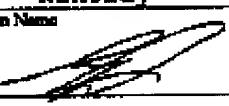
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